

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan. Could we have order in the Chamber, please.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is with pleasure that I present to you LR 52, the purpose of which is to name the library at Chadron State College after Reta E. King. It is also my privilege today to have as special guests of the Legislature, Miss Reta E. King, her sister, Mary Greer, her brother-in-law, Edgar Cord, her niece, Phyllis Blanke and another niece, Lynn Greer. I would ask them to stand and be recognized by the Legislature at this time. It is indeed a pleasure to present LR 52 to the members of the Legislature to name this building after Miss King. I have spent, as you know, some period of time at various educational institutions in the United States, some seven years, and the one thing I learned in that process is that the heart of any great academic institution is the library. And that is why I think it is appropriate that the individual who is responsible in large part for building and maintaining a strong library at Chadron State College be the individual after whom we name that beautiful structure. Miss Reta King served Chadron State College for more than twenty-five years before her retirement from the position of Director of Library Services in 1980. She was the person who recognized the need for an expanded library facility, worked with the Legislature, with consultants and architects finally in designing the library facility which is at the heart of the campus at Chadron State College. During her tenure the collections in the library grew from approximately 30,000 to more than a 138,000 and the type of library services changed dramatically during her tenure at that post at Chadron. Miss King was born in 1914 and received her A.B. degree from Peru State College in 1937 and her M.A. degree from the University of Denver, School of Librarianship in 1955. She taught in the rural schools of Nuckolls County and in the high schools in Crab Orchard, Broadwater and Milford, Nebraska. She was a librarian in North Platte High School for nine years before she accepted the position at Chadron State College in 1956. The Board of Trustees of the State College System has recommended unanimously that we name the facility after Miss King. She was also a recipient of the 1980 Meritorious Service Award from Chadron State College and has served in many distinguished library organizations during her career in Library Science. She has been a dedicated servant to the people of the State of Nebraska and I ask you to adopt LR 52, naming the library at Chadron State College after Miss Reta E. King.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Cullan. We welcome your guests to the Legislature. Is there further discussion on the resolution? If not, the time has come to vote on it.